TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE





SB 234

February 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any classroom instruction, course materials, or other informational resources that are inconsistent with natural human reproduction in grades prekindergarten (pre-K) through eight. This prohibition does not preclude classroom instructors from answering student questions that are germane to the course; school counselors, nurses, principals or assistant principals from counseling students who are currently engaged in or may become engaged in behavior that is injurious to theirs or others physical or mental well-being; or school counselors, nurses, principals, or assistant principals from responding appropriately to students whose circumstances present urgent safety issues regarding human sexuality. Counseling shall be done in consultation with the students' parents or guardians when possible and parents and legal guardians shall be notified that counseling has occurred. Parents or legal guardians of students, whose circumstances regarding human sexuality have required intervention, shall be notified of the intervention, unless there is reasonable cause that the parents or legal guardians may have been perpetrators of or in any way responsible for sexual abuse of students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Notification to parents or legal guardians will not require an increase in state or local personnel or a significant increase LEAs' use of resources.
- New curriculum will not be developed for grades pre-K through eight.
- Any increase in state and local expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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